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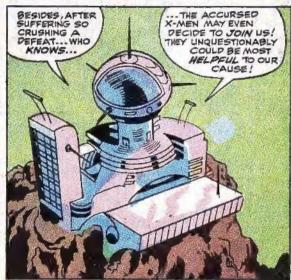


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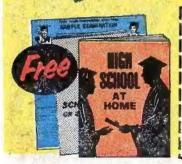
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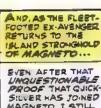
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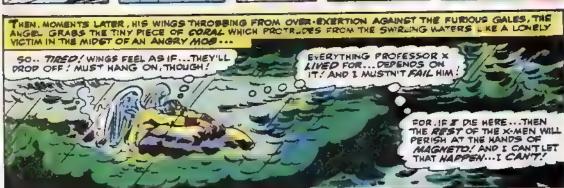


























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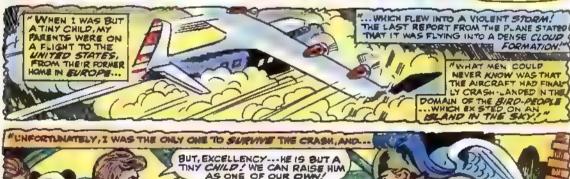




























































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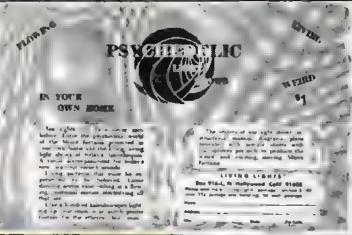
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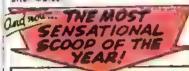
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I am writing to you on behalf of the S.P.E.M.V. (Society r the Prevention of Extinction of Marvel Villains)! We here this much insulated society wish to know what happened many a Marvel villain. Where are such greats as: Radiotive Man, Jack Frost, the Crimson Dynamo, the Locust, kulcan, Plant Man, Eel, etc., etc., etc.? Do you know how uch its horts us to see a villain beaten in just one issue? I sh?l Do you? No, you guys are too busy watching your I troes beat the heck out of your villains. And while I'm criping, I may as well bring up another fault of yours. You guys say you always do what your fans want, and yet for years X-Men fans have pleaded for an X-Men special-but do you give them one? Not You stick in a Daredevil one! Compare the number of letters printed in DD asking for an annual as to those in X-MENI See?

KOF Keith Giffen, 1578 Overmount Ave. West Patterson, N. J. 07424

Not quite, Keith! The letters printed on our letters pages do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the majority that we received We just pick out and print the ones we think you readers will find more interestingi Obviously, we do put out specials on the characters you readers most want to see — and we use your mail as the basis for our decision! That's why the DD Special last year! Therefore, if you mutant-watchers really want to see the X-Men cavortin' in their own King-Size special - let us hear about it! Now, as for the villain problem you've brought up, all we can say is that we thought we were being pretty fair about bringing back the oldies-but-baddiesi if we're wrong. though — the answer again is to let us hear about it Fair 'nuff? Fair 'nuff!

Dear Stan and Roy,

1 have found a mistake, a very large one in fact, in your X-Men seriest It was made more than four years ago when the X-Men first came out, but I'm the only person that has even noticed it. You'll probably think this is the most ridicuflous thing you've ever read, but unless you've mentioned this in an issue I haven't read, my point is well-founded. This will sound nutty, but Angel shouldn't be able to fly because (get this!) he doesn't have any tailfeathers! Withaut tailfeathers to serve as a rudder, he wouldn't be able to control his speed and direction of flight. But, I also have a solution. Since you're now shawing the Origins of the X-Men, moybe you could say that years ago Professor-X did an operation on Worren's wings, grafting on new feathers so he would be able to control his flight! Oh, and if you buy that, do I get a no-prize?

Greg Feeley, 41727 Murphy Flace Fremont, Calif. 94558

You bet your Audulion Society Handbook you do, Greg — but not for the reason you suspect! Although we agree with your theory about Warry's tailfeathers, your guess at how the situation get remedied just isn't how it was! Actually, the ability to control his speed and flight direction is a part of his mutant powers! We can't explain how they work! We're just telling it like it is! Anyway, your bird-watchers'-approved na-prize is winging its way toward you at this very moment for being the first to point out whatever it was you pointed out! (At this stage of the game, who can remember?) So just be careful that it doesn't build a nest on top of your Marvel collection!

Dear Stan and Roy, You lads don't realize your full potential. You have a super-duper hero in your midst! This fantastic enigma of your imagination is none other than Iceman! He could make

his body temperature go to absolute zero. He could be as powerful as the Torch is in his own right! As I was leafing hrough some of my old X-MEN issues, I found that when Magneta defeated the X-Men and only Iceman was left, you called him the weakest member of this coveted team. When I saw this, I almost picked up a MILLIE THE MODELL I also remember a letter from another fan that said if you want to get a letter in Marvel, you had to be several things, one of which was a person in uniform. All I have to say is that I am a Boy Scout . . . does that count? Joel Richter, 140 West 46th Avenue

Gary, Indiana 46408

Sure 'nuff — that is, it makes you a person in uniform, anyway! But whoever said there were a number of requirements to get your missive printed on one of our liltin' letters pages must have gotten his information from Honest Irv! The only requirement we have is that your letter be of general interest to our readers! Now, as for our supposed mistreatment of iceman, all we can say is that, since he's the youngest member of the group, we've been bringing him along slawly! However, now that the Prof is gone, our favorite mutants are going to be forced to mature in a hurry — and, when that happens, you can look forward to higger and better things from our frigid friendl



Dear Stan and Roy,

I'd like to compliment you all on the splendid job you did on X-MEN =40! It was by far your best yet and the greatest single issue to date! Last month I wrote to tell you how I didn't care for the Heck/Colletta team and how the artwork lacked impact and the quality that envelopes a reader. Every regret has been erosed. The Heck/Tuska team provided the best artwork. It was a perfect combination of exact proportions, thrilling action scenes, and dark shading. Your colorist did his best work ever! The difference between the light blue of the Beast's duds and the dark blue of Cyclop's outfit was astounding! I think you made Marvel Girl's costume too daring, though. At first I thought the story would be lousy. Boy, was I wrong! It was probably Roy's best! I didn't think that Roy would be able to write a good single ish story in just the 15-pages allotted him, but I'm glad to be proven wrong. Roy blended excitement, suspense, danger—all into a great story! I particularly enjoyed Professor-X's showdown with Frankenstein. It was good to see him take part in the action for once. I enjoyed the "Origins of the X-Men" this month, too. Ray does great in shart, short staries! The only stumbling block in a series like this is that it takes place in the past, and

Now hear this! Please keep all letters no longer than OHE PAGE! Have mercy, mollow ones!

especially well on these stories—to make the reader forget running to the newsstand every month to find out if that it'll finally turn out all right! And now, in closing, I want he can finally take a whiff of fresh air! to ask you to please not let Don Heck leave the X-Men! Carl Gafford, 140 Lone Oak Drive New Milford, Conn. 06776

We'll try not to, Carl — although the Dashing One is up to his pencil sharpener handling both SPIDER-MAN and the X-MEN these days! Other than that, we have nothing else to say! For once, we've been left speechless!

Dear Stan and Roy,

"The X-Men Meet Frankenstein!"? Perish the thought! Being almost as great a fan of horror movies as I am of comic books (Marvels, especially), I was reluctant to see these two worlds of fantasy meet. But meet they did in X-MEN #40, and I feel it was a successful meeting after all, though I'm still not sure whether I personally like the story or not. Please don't continue to pit your characters against monsters. don't want to see Spider-Man meet Dracula or the Sub-Mariner tangle with the Creature from the Black Lagoon. I think you should have kept the X-Men's uniforms instead of giving each an individual castume. They now look like another Avengers-type group; but where each member of the Avengers was a crime-fighter, or crime-maker, in his own right before joining the group, the only experience the X-Men have had in fighting crime has been as a team, so they should look like a team as do the Fantastic Four. But, I got used to Peter Parker's growing up and am getting used to the FF's cumbersome cast of characters, so I guess I can get used to the new costumes, though I still wish you hadn't changed them. Anyway, I thought I'd write you my thought so I would not be left on the sidelines during your march to greatness. Aside from a few minor things, you are doing everything right — for, as I hiked around the National Parks this past summer in my Hulk sweatshirt, people would say to me, "The Incredible what?" In short, Make Mine Marvell Scott Douglas, 2115 Cipriani Blvd. Belmont, Calif.

We will, Scotty, boy — but we're having a hard time trying to figure out why people stopped to question you instead of stopping to feed you! Oh, well . . . ! Anyway, don't worry about any more monsters popping up in our mags for a while! We just decided to toss in Franky one time for kicks! And, about the new threads, just stick with us and you'll soon learn there was a definite reason for the change!

Dear Stan and Roy,

First, my comments on X-MEN #40. It was an excellent idea to have Frankenstein's monster as a villain. The X-Men's new costumes are terrific and they really add color to your mag. Jack O. Diamonds in your five-page origins is an excellent mutant, and I can hardly wait to see how (if?) the professor defeats him in your next ish. Now for the record section of my letter — how to solve Cyclops' eye problem. It's so easy you should have thought of it. As he gets older, he gains more control over his power, just as Iceman did in gaining the ability to change his body to ica instead of snow — and as Quicksilver did when he became able to fly. Cyclops could just gain mastery over his power and use it at will. He can already change its intensity. Anyway, until Iceman flames on, I'll be a loyal fant

RFO David Craven, 300 49th St. West

since we know the characters are still around in the prestainly a well-founded one — but don't hold your breath ent, we know everything will work out and we feel less until it happens! These things don't occur overnight, you moved by the excitement. And so, the author has to write know — and we sure don't want a blue-faced RFO.



Dear Stan and Roy,
I just bought X-MEN #40, and I thought that the plot was the best in quite a few issues. I thought the way you portrayed Iceman as the final victor over Frankenstein was really tremendous. My only complaint about the artwork was that it was too dark, and the X-Men, in their new costumes (greatest thing since Honest Irv dropped out) were not large enough. In my opinion, this was the first issue ever to partray the X-Men so small (And I ought to know. I have every single issue of the X-MENI).

David Bradstreet, 40 Wyoming Ave. Brockton, Mass. 02401

We won't argue with that, Davey — but about the only thing we can do about it at this stage of the game is recommend that you use a magnifying glass the next. time you pare over the paignant pages of #401 (Oh, and we will watch it in the future!)

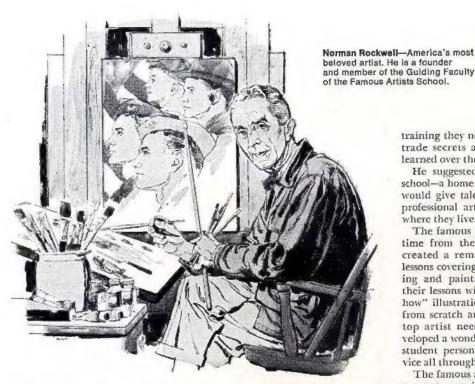
Dear Stan and Ray,
You guys, like Jules Verne, have repeatedly given us
previews of the possible future! What the heck am I talking about, you ask? You don't know? We'll, I'll tell you. Recently, I picked up a magazine and the illustration cought my eye. A man with wings was holding a woman in a skintight costume. No, it wasn't the X-Men. It was an article on how a race of super-humans could be produced. Inhumansville! Not to go into details, but scientists have developed a process called "cloning" by which, because of nuclei manipulations before birth, eggs of certain animals have been made to hatch into unrelated animals. Theoretically, by selecting the proper genes, any number of combinations could be created: winged men, amphibians, etc. Who Knows? You may be the historians of the future!

Grady Richardson, 730 Manor St. Houston, Texas 77015

Could be, Grady lad - but, to tell the truth, we'll be happy just to keep turning out the kind of senses-shattering action-sagas you Marvelites want to read! Then, now that we know we've got you hooked, let's get down to the nitty gritty! Your idea for a way Cyke and a tip of the old Bullpen beanie to you for cluin' us in!







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